SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON PRELIMINARY CATCH SHARING PLAN AND REGULATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN 2024 OR LATER

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) discussed the halibut topic (Agenda Item D.1) and appreciates the opportunity to provide comments.

Attachment 3 – Management Objectives - the SAS does not support the proposed change in the language describing the management objectives for incidental halibut catch in the salmon troll fishery and prefers that the language in the CSP remains in place.

Attachment 4 – Inseason Flexibility Provisions - The SAS agrees that utilizing the entire Area 2A Pacific halibut allocation is important for both the recreational and commercial sectors and supports further investigating ways to achieve the goal of full attainment of the Area 2A allocation. The SAS supports inseason flexibility as a tool to fully attain the Area 2A allocation; however, we understand that ways to approach that flexibility have not yet been fully developed.

Attachment 5 – Non-tribal Sport Allocation - the SAS continues to have a wide range of opinions on this topic and looks forward to continuing the conversation as additional information becomes available.

The SAS looks forward to actively participating as the process continues.

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